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LEAD CONTROL # 14379

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On February 9, 1996 the following investigation was conducted by SA

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Anita Miller, Publisher, for Academy Chicago Publishers, 363 W. Erie Street, Chicago Illinois 60010, telephone number (312) 751-7300 advised as follows:

Approximately three weeks prior to the date of this interview and on a Friday afternoon, she received a telephone call from an unknown male caller. The caller wanted to sell his story, which was his association with Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. The caller claimed to have tapes of meetings where they (the caller, McVeigh and Nichols) discussed blowing up the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The caller also claimed there were twelve people at those meetings. The caller claimed to know where and when other bombings would take place in the next four months.

According to Miller, the caller stated that McVeigh and Nichols were just the "tip of the iceberg". The caller claimed he provided McVeigh with false identification.

Miller described the caller as having a pleasant voice and that he seemed to be in his late forties or early fifties. During the conversation he told Miller that the child, who she overheard crying in the background, was his grandchild. Miller added that the caller did not seem educated and she sensed he came from a rural area. During the conversation she got the impression that the caller was from Michigan and that he belonged to a militia. Miller advised that when she suggested he go to the FBI, the caller told her that he could not because the militia would kill him.

Miller recalled that the caller mentioned he was in need of money and that he was recently released from prison. When Miller suggested that the "NATIONAL INQUIRER" in Florida might be interested in his story, the caller told Miller he had already contacted "A CURRENT AFFAIR" and that they were checking with their attorneys before talking to him further.

Miller advised that the call came in on their main line (312) 751-7300 and that it was transferred to her desk. She has received no subsequent calls and did not get the caller's name or telephone number.